



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



December 2025 Bulletin

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Council Calendar Upcoming Events

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

Monday

December 8th, 2025

Next Council Gathering!

Tuesday

December 9th, 2025

Officer Meeting at 5:00 PM

Christmas Social with Ladies at 6:00 PM

SJM Ministry Center

Coats For Kids

Saturday

December 13th, 2025

SJM Ministry Center

Christmas Baskets

Saturday

December 20th, 2025

St Rose of Lima, then Immaculate Conception

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas

Thursday

December 25th, 2025

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we close out the calendar year, we should all reflect and be proud of the good deeds and money we raised. We also welcomed a lot of new Brothers to the council. Great job everyone!

We will have our officers meeting at **5 pm Tuesday** and then our **Christmas Party** with our significant others and the Ladies of Auxiliary. We will be providing the ham, turkey and beverages. ***Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*** The Ladies will decorate the Ministry Center and set the tables for dinner. They will need help with the tables and chairs, so please arrive early to assist if you can.

Look forward to seeing everyone!

God Bless,

GK Craig





From the Chaplain's Desk

A Year of Grace with St Joseph Marello

Greetings my brother Knights,

May we all enter with full hearts and minds into this Season of Advent to prepare well the way of the Lord Jesus. He comes to us if we are open and humble and recognize our great need for him.

Last month, we began our consideration of the virtues of St. Joseph Marello, in this special year of grace, by considering his humility. If we hope to live fully in the presence of God, humility is the key because by it I know of my need for God and that I am not God. We saw that for Marello this meant not giving into his desire to "do something great for God" and the recognition and honor that came with this great achievement. He called this "ambition" which had nearly derailed is answering God's call to priesthood. He strove to practice humility and leave the honor and glory to God.

In order for this humility to continue to take precedence of place in his life, he needed to practice another virtue which is similar to it: to remain hidden or to live a hidden life. He was inspired in this by the example set by St. Joseph, husband of Mary and Guardian of the Redeemer. He saw in St. Joseph a fulfillment of the aspiration stated by St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians: *For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3)*. Paul makes this statement in the context of living life for the things of heaven and not for the things of earth. St. Joseph did this by not seeking to be known for earthly achievements or accomplishments, of which he had very little. Instead, he strove to be faithful to what God asked of him in the ordinary life of everyday. He was called to take care of Mary and Jesus, to provide for them, to watch over them,

to ensure that each of them was able to carry out God's will. In this case, of course, that meant ensuring that our salvation and redemption would be made possible! That is quite an order, and one might be tempted to make it known to others who I have in my home and under my care! This St. Joseph did not do. And it was a good thing too, because when Herod was seeking to find the newborn king of the Jews to have him killed, he was not able to find him in part because Joseph was not going around bragging about having the Redeemer in his home!

This hidden life lived by St. Joseph of Nazareth and emulated by St. Joseph Marello is not the same as hiding or being secretive. This type of behavior can be detrimental to my good and the good of others. It is not a matter of keeping things hidden that I would not rather have made known. Instead, it is living for God and for God's Kingdom and allowing all recognition and honor to fall where it deserves to fall: to God! When St. Joseph Marello founded the Oblates of St. Joseph, for instance, he did not go around letting everybody know what he had done. On the other hand, when a new bishop came to the Diocese of Asti, where the Congregation was established, he let the new bishop know of their existence and that he was responsible for them. However, so well did he live a life hidden with Christ in God, that when the bishop wanted to know more about the Oblates, he was not sure exactly who their superior was! When he inquired of Fr. Cortona, the first Oblate priest, who his superior was, Fr. Cortona answered that it was he himself, the bishop...a very diplomatic answer! Eventually, he revealed that it was in fact Marello...who was standing right there! Imagine the desire to remain hidden and humble that Marello had to not have spoken up himself to the bishop.

Later, just before he was named Bishop of Acqui, Marello went to live with the Oblates in their first home, Santa Chiara, not far from the seminary where he had been residing. Many of the clergy in the diocese were surprised at this move because living in the seminary was closer to the hub of the diocese and was one more likely to attract attention and to move up the hierarchy. Instead, these same clergy stated, Marello had gone "to bury himself amid the orphans and the infirm" of Santa Chiara. This was true since the Oblates were in the structure with the residents of the former Cerrato hospice and had begun an orphanage not long after taking up residence. Notwithstanding this move to remain even more hidden from honors and recognition (or perhaps because of it!), Marello was soon called to the episcopate as we saw last month. God will give the honor if we do not seek it so much as humbly seek to do his holy Will.

May we also strive to live a life hidden with Christ in God.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



Mount Saint Joseph Wines & St Joseph Mareello: What's the Connection?



While visiting the Mount Saint Joseph Seminary, a couple of Saint Joseph Mareello parishioners (& Knights of Columbus) were admiring the grounds, & conversations led to a discussion of vineyards. A small group of Saint Joseph Mareello parish supporters met with the Oblates of Saint Joseph in 2015 to offer a wine venture partnership. The meeting went very well, and *Mount Saint Joseph Wines* was born. This identification and intertwined connection with the Catholic community, particularly with the Oblates of Saint Joseph and St Joseph Mareello Catholic Parish, creates an aspect which sets us apart in our business plan. While Mount Saint Joseph Wines is a "for-profit" organization, proceeds also support the Oblates' seminary and youth ministries.

The Mount Saint Joseph Wines Tasting Room in Granite Bay offers the community a chance to enjoy these wines while supporting the mission of the Oblates. Much of the work of running the tasting room, making the wine, hosting events, and marketing the wine is done by volunteers. The paid staff is small. Many of our volunteers consider Mount Saint Joseph Wines another ministry of St Joseph Mareello Parish, like the Knights of Columbus in that we do not fall under the pastor or the parish hierarchy, but we are intertwined with the various work done by the parish, supporting most events, when appropriate. There are very few Catholic wineries in the United States. We are one of the very few. Our tasting room is open Thursday through Sunday. Hours vary; Thursdays from 4 to 7 PM, Fridays from 4 to 8 PM, Saturdays noon to 8 PM, and Sunday's noon to 3 PM. Please come taste our extraordinary wines made from the fruit of the vines and the work of ordinary human hands. Explore our "ministry" of winemaking and supporting our local Catholic community!

<https://www.mountsaintjosephwines.com>

COATS FOR KIDS



Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program has provided warm winter coats to children in need living in cold climates in the United States, Canada and overseas. Traditionally, each Thanksgiving weekend, Knights distribute thousands of free coats at events held across the United States. St Joseph Mareello Knights of Columbus Council 13518 is teaming up with *St Joseph Mareello Parish* to distribute coats on **December 13th** in the Ministry Center as well as delivering coats along with Christmas Baskets to *Immaculate Conception Parish* in downtown Sacramento on **December 20th**.



A Word from Our Worthy Fraternal Insurance Agent *Dave Moeller*

Brother Knights,

We seem to say it every year: "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back and measure the passing of the seasons, we see how our lives have changed with Christmas and the end of the year marking the passing of yet another year. Christmas season should give us pause to thank God for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and it is also a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires our gift-giving at Christmastime. And, as brother Knights, gift-giving in the form of charity and providing for others is the foundation of who we are.

We are certainly "Knights of Charity" and we prove this every day with the many brother Knights who give of themselves, of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need. We should be proud of our generosity through the volunteer time and support of our Councils and the proceeds of our insurance programs that funded over \$190 Million last year alone. We, the Knights of Charity, provided disaster relief, helped those who were homebound, purchased many ultrasound machines that have been placed into service to save unborn children, and provided coats for thousands of kids who will now stay warm this winter! And our mission of charity provided critical support for Ukraine Catholic Relief and the Christian communities throughout the Middle East and Africa who face significant persecution.

All these important initiatives help many others, but we must not forget about our own families and loved ones... and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have provided them with financial security.

So, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." *New American Bible (Revised Edition)*

Have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!
May God Bless you and your family and keep you all healthy and safe in 2026!

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In Memoriam

**Remember our deceased brothers
in your prayers:**

Rick Oules, Howard Stoltz,
Marcel Conti, Robert Scott,
Ted Rosica, John Dineen, James Greenwell,
Elmo Novaresi, Ken Broz, George Deane,
Scott Spell, Glenn Allen, Tim Mabie, Dick
Cicarelli, Jack Conti, Joe Cavanagh, Rudy
Leon, Paul Kistler, Tim Darcey, Dick
Langowski, Jim Cortese, Mark Weiner, Bob
Otway, Paul Corsaro Sr., Jim Curl
& Dave Elkins



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St Joseph Mareello Council 13518 & Ladies Auxiliary

present the 2026 annual charity & scholarship fundraiser

Crab Feed!

A Seafood & Pasta Dinner & Auction



Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Doors open at 5:00 PM; Lutheran Event Center, Granite Bay

Tickets \$90/person; Contact a Knight or Dan Nollette for tickets

Daniel.nollette@gmail.com

Remember Your Service Hours!

Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, (ajc4771@gmail.com) for reporting volunteer hours. Use this guide for determining & quantifying your volunteer time:

Number of visits to the sick or bereaved
Number of blood donations
Number of Habitat for Humanity projects
Hours of service to church
Hours of service to community
Hours of service to youth activities
Hours of service to Culture of Life
Hours of service to Food for Families
Hours of service to Veterans Affairs
Hours of service to Intellectual Disabilities
Hours of service to Special Olympics
Hours of service to Brother Knights
Hours of service!

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Council 13518's Leadership Team

Openings are available for all brothers who wish to share their talents with the council.

Grand Knight: Craig Buda
Deputy Grand Knight: Ted Garelis
Council Chaplain: Father Brian Crawford
Financial Secretary: Ramon Lopez
Chancellor: John Da Roza
Recorder: Allen Cummings
Treasurer: Ralph Yonka
Advocate: Cory Johnson
Warden: Ed Salemme
Inside Guard: Steve Malberg
Outside Guard: Ryan Hickey
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Lecturer: John Bohnett
Membership Director: CJ Johnson
Program Director: Craig Budda
Faith Director: *vacant*
Community Director: Dan Nollette
Family Director: Paul Coble
Life Director: *vacant*
Ladies Auxiliary Liaison: Mike Ciccarelli
Webmaster: Dan Nollette
Bulletin Editor: Dan Nollette

Our council's standing committee leads:

Crab Feed Lead: Dan Nollette
Scholarship Lead: John Bohnett
Bloodsource Lead: Tony Jelinek
Hospitality (Bar) Lead: Pat Dunn
Coats for Kids Lead: *vacant*
Keep Christ in Christmas Lead: Bruce Amundson
Wheelchair Mission Lead: *vacant*
Widows in Need Lead: Joe Buckwalter
Habitat for Humanity Lead: Allen Cummings
Food for Families Lead: *vacant*
Christmas Baskets Lead: Joe Buckwalter
Chili Knights Lead: Ted Garelis & John Bohnett
Mother's Day Roses Lead: Tim Anderson
SVDP Support Lead: *vacant*